

REMARKS

Claims 9 through 17 remain pending in the present application. Claims 9, 13 and 17 have been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

The undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Rachuba for the courtesies extended to him during the personal interview on May 5, 2004. During the interview, above Claims 9, 13 and 17 were discussed. The Examiner indicated that the amended claims would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103. Also, enclosed Figure 13 illustrates the aperture identified with reference numeral 47. Further, the specification has been amended to refer to Applicant's U.S. Patent D.455,624 which has been incorporated by reference.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112 (first paragraph)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 9 through 17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, alleging them failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has added numerals to the drawings, as well as amending the specification and referring to Applicant's copending patent which the Examiner has indicated would overcome this 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

As was discussed at the interview, the Examiner indicated that the above claims overcome the §103 rejection over Bourke '293 in view of Bradley. Accordingly, Applicant believes this rejection to be moot and the claims to be in proper order for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant believes Claims 9 through 17 to be in proper order for allowance. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the case to issue at her earliest possible convenience. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present application, she should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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